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REF: A. STATE 195730 B. BANGKOK 15271

1. RESPONDING TO REFTTEL A, AND IN ACCORD WITH REFTTEL B, PARA 10 C, EMBOFF SAW COL. TIN ON OCTOBER 12 AND AGAIN REQUESTED CONCRETE INFO ON IBMND ACTIVITIES IN BURMA, SPECIFICALLY ANY INDICATION THAT IBMND WAS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS SMUGGLING.

2. IN WHAT WE TAKE TO BE HIS FINAL ANSWER ON THIS SUBJECT, TIN OO SAID THAT HE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO PASS US INFORMATION ON THE IBMND. TO THE SPECIFIC QUESTION, TIN OO REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF IBMND HAVING TRAFFICKED IN NARCOTICS. HE POINTED ONCE AGAIN, HOWEVER, TO IBMND FINANCIAL AND ARMS SUPPORT TO ACTIVE OPIUM TRADING ORGANIZATIONS THE GUB IS ATTEMPTING TO DISBAND, I.E., THE KKY AND SHAN "INSURGENT" ORGANIZATIONS.

3. IN EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT, THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT IBMND ACTIVITIES AID AND ABET NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN BURMA. FURTHER, THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF IBMND ENGAGE IN THE NARCOTICS TRADE. BUT WE HAVE YET TO SEE ANY CONCRETE EVIDENCE THAT THE IBMND ORGANIZATION--AS AN ORGANIZATION--IS
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DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN BURMA, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS TO BE THE CASE.
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